



Honorable David Burnett
Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
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October 31, 2011

Dear Chairman Burnett:

Thank you for your response to the Flood Authority's letter requesting consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. We very much appreciate your interest and commitment to the Chehalis River Basin, and willingness to work to find solutions to address the impacts of the recurring flooding. Upon receiving it, I had your letter distributed to all Flood Authority members and other interested parties.

We have reviewed the Centennial Accord Implementation Plan for the Department of Ecology and will plan to use this process for consultation on studies and results per your suggestion. We will be following up shortly as there are a number of studies and processes that may affect tribal rights and interests. As in the Centennial Accord, I also have an "open-door policy" and welcome requests for consultation you may have.

In addition to using this process, I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you and talk directly about how we can meet all of our shared goals of finding solutions to flooding in the Chehalis River Basin.

Again, thank you for your letter and I look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vickie L. Raines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vickie" being more prominent.

Vickie L. Raines
Chair, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

cc: Keith Phillips, Governor's Executive Policy Office